

Executive Director Report

January 24, 2008

Budget

- An invoice in the amount of \$1,947 has been submitted to the Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council for reimbursement of administrative and planning services provided by staff.
- Invoices have been submitted to Commission member entities for member contributions to the Commission's budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year (\$6,300 for state and local governments/\$600 total for Water Agencies) and the remainder of 2007-2008 Fiscal Year (\$3,000 for state and local governments/\$600 for Water Agencies).
- Contract is in final stage of processing for award of grant funding for Lower Yolo Bypass Collaborative (\$14,750 to DPC as co-partner with Yolo Basin Foundation and Center for Collaborative Policy - CSUS).
- A grant application has been submitted to Caltrans for a Partnership Planning Grant in the amount of \$300,000 to support the feasibility and planning process for The Great California Delta Trail, including the contract with Valley Vision for consulting services.
- Documentation was provided to the Department of Finance to confirm approval of receipt of \$56,000 to Commission budget from DAPC account maintained by the County of Sacramento.

Administration/Staffing

- Continuing to have letterhead design completed by State Office of Printing. The design includes notation of entities represented on the Commission.
- Jessica Becerra has been hired as part-time clerical support (20+ hours per week).

Legislation

- The legislative proposal providing for Commission member alternates that was submitted to the Secretary for Resources for review and support has been forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration.
- Provided assistance to Assemblywoman Wolk's staff in the preparation of Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee hearing relative to Prospect Island.

Projects/Facilitation

- The annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on the significant accomplishments of the Commission for 2007 has been completed and submitted as required by the Delta Protection Act.

- A concept has been developed for the process to update the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta, utilizing input from the Center for Collaborative Policy - CSUS. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors has expressed an interest in providing staffing resources to the Commission for this project.
- Completed the process for selection of a consultant to provide facilitation support to Commission staff relative to The Great California Delta Trail outreach process, resulting in the selection of Valley Vision.
- Participated in planning meetings to initiate the Lower Bypass Collaborative process with a Delta tour and stakeholder meeting.
- Provided an update on the Commission's Delta Emergency Planning and Response efforts at a meeting of the County OES Managers Team to promote ongoing collaboration.
- Represented the Commission at the Delta Long Term Management Strategy for Dredging Management Committee meeting.
- Continuing to serve on the State Water Plan Update Plenary Design Committee and distributing information to assure stakeholder participation.
- Continuing to participate in the weekly meetings of the Delta Vision Planning Team.
- Participating in Resource Agency biweekly meetings on climate change.
- Participated in CALFED Agency Coordination Team meeting.
- Provided update on Commission projects/activities to the North Delta Water Agency.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Distributed January 3-4, 2008 Delta storm response information via the Commission's web site and interested parties e-mail list.
- Made Presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors about projects and processes underway in the Delta, why local governments should be involved, and avenues for communication and input.
- Met with the Solano Land Trust to discuss potential partnership opportunities.
- Met with Association of Bay Area Governments Trail Coordinator to discuss potential partnerships relative to trails in the Delta region.
- Met with members of the North Delta Conservancy Board of Directors to discuss potential partnership opportunities.
- Provided an update on Delta projects and programs to the Yolo Basin Foundation Stakeholder Working Group.
- Participated in weekly meetings of the Resources Agency Public Information Officers Team.